



# Florida House of Representatives

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This letter is in response to your call for comments regarding the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger, which is on your 11-65 docket. I'm pleased to have this opportunity to share my support of this merger, which I believe would benefit people and communities throughout Florida.

It's amazing how quickly communications technologies have progressed just in the past several years. In order to take advantage of the opportunities of the digital age we live in, access to high-speed wireless broadband has become a necessity. This is exciting because of all of the possibilities that broadband brings: Accessing health care services from remote locations, taking college courses at home, working from home, or expanding local businesses into the global marketplace are all possible when ultra-fast wireless broadband is available. Furthermore, studies have shown that high-speed broadband tends to encourage job creation, economic growth, and business expansion.

But in areas where this technology is not yet available—like many rural, small, or minority communities in Florida—these exciting, life-changing possibilities are not often not available. For this reason, increasing broadband access has become a particularly pertinent public policy issue. It's crucial that all people and all communities have access to the opportunities that this technology makes possible. AT&T is committed to spending significant

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private funds in order to expand the network infrastructure and bring ultra-fast wireless broadband to every corner of our state, and they can make it happen quickly and without the use of taxpayer money.

Increased access to high-speed broadband can be the key to our economic recovery and to a new way of life for many Floridians. I hope you will support future prosperity for our communities by backing this merger. I thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Felix Diaz".

Representative Jose Felix Diaz  
Florida House of Representatives, District 115

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